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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DESTROYER AND MARK-46 SALES

1. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP CONCERNING SEVERAL
TIEMS OF INTEREST TO THE PAK NAVY - MARK-46 TORPEDOES AND
GEARING CLASS DESTROYERS.

2. AS YOU KNOW, THE PN IS VERY ANXIOUS TO MOVE AHEAD
ON THE SALE OF THE GEARING CLASS. ADMIRAL MUGAVIN
REGULARLY ASKS US IF WE HAVE YET RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR
THE TEAM, WHICH HE HAS ALREADY ASSEMBLED, TO VISIT
THE STATES AND LOOK AT THE SPECIFIC SHIPS WE MAY SELL.
HE IS FULLY AWARE THAT ANY SALE MUST FIRST HAVE
CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, AND UNDERSTANDS THIS WILL TAKE
SOME TIME. HE WOULD LIKE HIS TEAM TO BE ABLE TO SEE
THE SHIPS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, TO BETTER ENABLE HIM
TO MAKE A DECISION ON HOW THE PROPOSED SALE WOULD FIT INTO
PN FORCE STRUCTURE. ODRP ORIGINALLY ASKED FOR P&A DATA ON
THESE SHIPS ON 4 AUG 75 AND HAS NOT YET RECEIVED A REPLY.
SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO PASS MUGAVIN THE
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HULL NUMBERS OF THE SPECIFIC SHIPS, P&A DATA IF POSSIBLE,

AND SPECIFICALLY PERMISSION FOR HIS TEAM TO INSPECT THEM.

3. ON MARK-46 TORPEDOES, WE INFORMED THE PAK NAVY IN JULY, WITH WASHINGTON APPROVAL, THAT WE WOULD APPROVE THE SALE OF MARK-46S TO THE PN AND THAT P&A DATA WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. IT HAS NOT YET ARRIVED.

4. THE GEARING CLASS AND THE MARK-46 ARE THE MAJOR ITEMS OF POSSIBLE SALE BY THE US TO THE PN AND THE DELAY ON THE PART OF OUR NAVY IN MAKING THE NECESSARY INFORMATION AVAILABLE IS BECOMING EMBARRASSING. YOUR ASSISTANCE IN WEIGHING IN WITH DOD ON THESE TWO ITEMS - ABOUT WHICH THERE SEEMS TO BE NO SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEM BUT RATHER A QUESTION OF BUREAUCRATIC DELAY - WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO US AND IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PN.
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